

Kentucky 1981
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT FACTS



COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

Office of the Governor

FRANKFORT. KENTUCKY 40601

My Fellow Kentuckians:

Patrick Henry once said he knew of no way to judge the future but by the past. As we look ahead to safety in the 1980's, we can only identify the present situation and review the past knowing that our actions will determine the future.

I encourage you to review this report and as you review it, remember that the voluntary compliance with traffic laws by all users of Kentucky's highways will produce fewer traffic accidents and result in fewer deaths and injuries to citizens of the Commonwealth.

Kentucky State Government is committed to providing improved roads and enforcement of the state's traffic laws and regulations, with the hope that these totally unnecessary and tragic losses due to traffic accidents will be decreased substantially.

Sincerely,

John Y. Brown, Jr.

Governor



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KENTUCKY STATE POLICE FRANKFORT 40601

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

To The Honorable John Y. Brown, Jr., Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and the Citizens of Kentucky:

"Kentucky Traffic Accident Facts" is an annual publication of the Kentucky State Police. Statutory provisions contained in KRS 189.635 designate the State Police with the responsibility for maintaining a reporting system for all vehicle accidents occurring in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

This publication contains various types of empirical data relating to fatalities, injuries, and property damage accidents. The information was compiled from 125,116 uniform accident reports that occurred within the Commonwealth during the calendar year 1981.

The analysis of this accident information assists in the on-going quest to accomplish the goal of reducing traffic accidents by enabling us to identify important trends and causative factors, establish and measure the effects of safety programs, and support the initiation of new regulations and/or modify existing regulations.

We wish to acknowledge and express our appreciation to all the state, county and local law enforcement agencies and highway safety agencies for their assistance in the collection of the data that made this report possible.

Sincerely,

Marion D. Campbell

Commissioner

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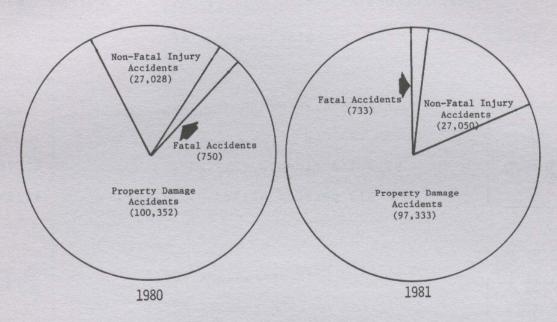
1980 - 1981 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS AT A GLANCE

TOTAL	1980	1981
Miles Travelled Licensed Drivers	26,633,275,569 2,114,521	25,194,125,000 2,327,264
Accidents Reported Fatal Non-Fatal Injury Property Damage	128,130 750 27,028 100,352	125,116 733 27,050 97,333
Economic Loss (Estimated)*	\$483,510,000	\$472,313,000
Accident Severity Rate**	1-36-134	1-37-133
Persons Injured	40,812	40,688
Persons Killed per fatal accident per 100 million miles travelled per 100 thousand population per 100 thousand licensed drivers	825 1.10 3.1 22.5 39.0	830 1.13 3.3 23.1 36.1

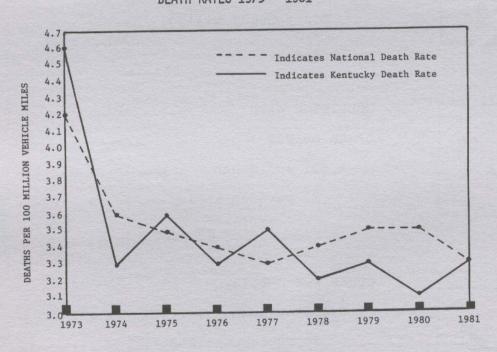
^{*}The calculable costs of motor vehicle accidents are wage loss, medical expense, insurance administration cost, and property damage. Estimates are based on information from the National Safety Council.

^{**}Severity rate is ratio of non-fatal and property damage accidents to fatal accidents.

ACCIDENTS BY TYPE



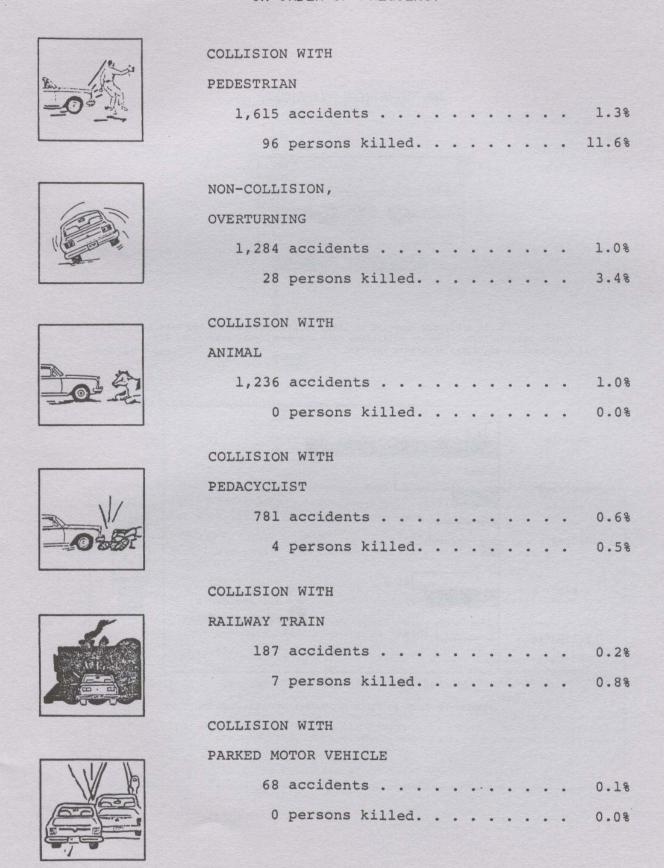
DEATH RATES 1973 - 1981



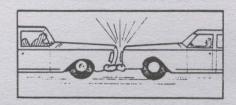
ACCIDENTS BY TYPE

	Total	Accidents									•		•	1.	25,116
	Total	Fatal Acci	dents												733
	Total	Persons Ki	lled.												830
		COLLISION	WTTH	ОТИБ	סי										
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		MOTOR VEH													7.7 70
1000		97,204					•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	77.7%
		372	person	ns ki	llle	ed.	•	•	•			•	•	•	44.8%
		COLLISION	WITH												
الاشكوري		FIXED OBJ	ECT												
- 1k		17,832	accid	ents											14.2%
		276	person	ns ki	1116	ed.									33.2%
		COLLISION	WITH												
- Ch		OTHER OBJ	ECT												
		2,601	accid	ents											2.1%
-000			perso			ed.									2.0%
	J														
		OTHER NON	-COLL	ISION	1										
		2,308	accid	ents											1.8%
- 1			perso			ed.									3.6%
104															

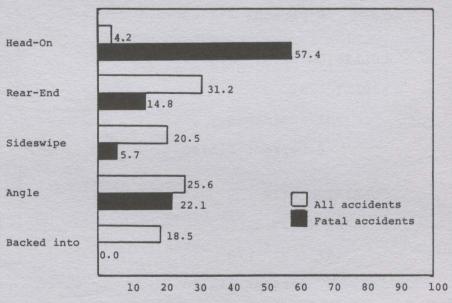
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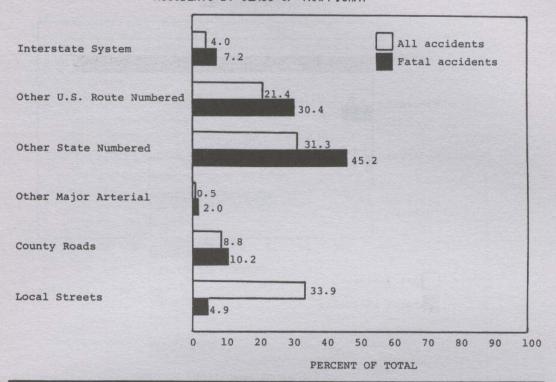
THE TWO-VEHICLE COLLISION



Of the 125,116 accidents reported in 1981, 78 percent involved one vehicle colliding with another. Head-on collisions were the deadliest, accounting for 57.4 percent of all fatal accidents reported.



ACCIDENTS BY CLASS OF TRAFFICWAY





INTERSTATE SYSTEM is any trafficway within the national system for interstate and defense trafficways.



OTHER U.S. ROUTE NUMBERED is any trafficway within the U.S. trafficway system, excluding interstate and other limited access trafficways.

OTHER STATE ROUTE NUMBERED is any trafficway within the state trafficway system, excluding other limited access trafficways.

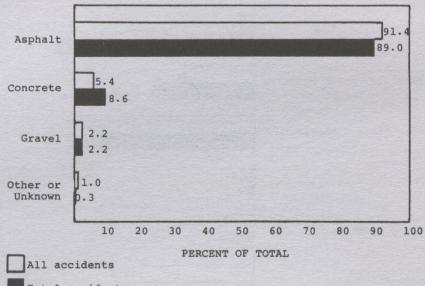
OTHER MAJOR ARTERIAL is any trafficway, usually city streets and county highways, for which cross traffic is required to stop.

COUNTY ROAD is any trafficway within a county trafficway system that does not fall within the interstate, other limited access, U.S. route numbered, state route numbered, or other major arterial system.

LOCAL STREET is any trafficway within a city trafficway system that does not fall within the interstate, other limited access, U.S. route numbered, stated route numbered, or other major arterial system.

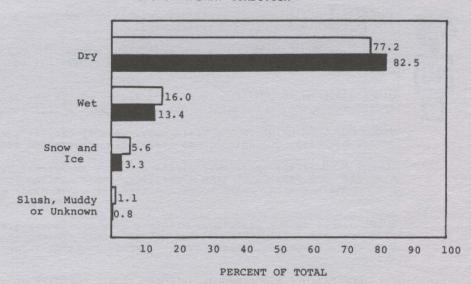
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ACCIDENTS BY ROADWAY SURFACE



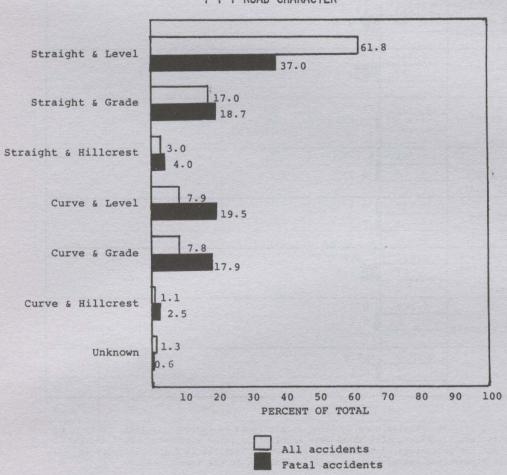
Fatal accidents

. . . ROADWAY CONDITION

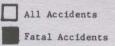


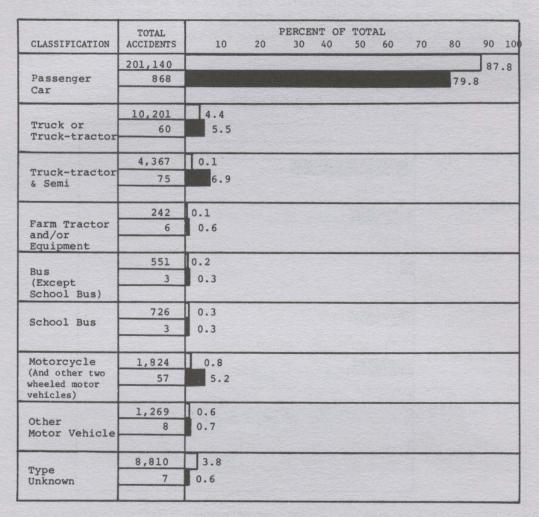
Contrary to popular belief, most accidents can not be blamed on bad roads or poor weather. Of the total accidents reported during 1981, most occurred on dry, well-surfaced roads and along straight, level stretches where a careful, law-abiding driver, attentive to traffic around him, and in full control of his own vehicle, should have no difficulties at all. The same general statement also holds true for fatal accidents.

. . . ROAD CHARACTER



VEHICLE INVOLVEMENT





A total of 229,130 vehicles were involved in accidents in Kentucky in 1981. This figure includes 1,087 vehicles which were involved in fatal accidents. Note on the graph that the percentage of motorcycles and trucks involved in fatal accidents is somewhat higher than the percentage of all accidents in the same category.

ACCIDENT LOCATIONS

AREA	NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS	PERCENT OF TOTAL	FATAL ACCIDENTS	PERCENT OF TOTAL	INJURY ACCIDENTS	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Rural	33,395	26.7%	524	71.5%	11,699	43.2%
Urban	91,721	73.3%	209	28.5%	15,351	56.8%
Total	125,116	100.0%	733	100.0%	27,050	100.0%

DRIVER INVOLVEMENT . . .

. . . BY RESIDENCE

RESIDENCE OF DRIVER	NUMBER INVOLVED IN ACCIDENTS	% OF TOTAL	NUMBER INVOLVED IN FATAL ACCIDENTS	% OF TOTAL
Local Resident	169,831	83.6%	855	81.0%
Residing elsewhere in state	6,538	3.2%	47	4.5%
Non-Resident	15,009	7.4%	142	13.5%
Unknown	11,689	5.8%	11	1.0%
Total	203,067	100.0%	1,055	100.0%

. . . BY SEX

TOTAL ACCIDENTS*

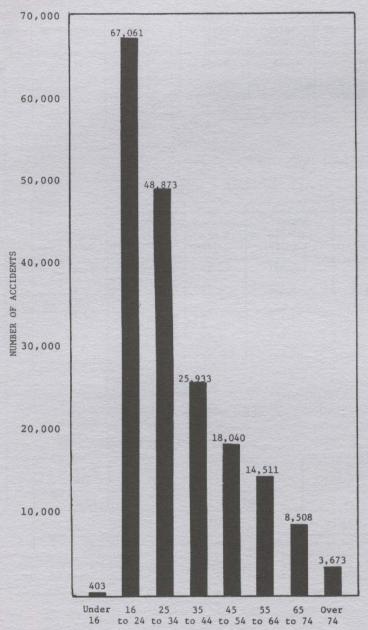
SEX	# IN ACCIDENTS	% IN ACCIDENTS
Male	127,103	66.9%
Female	62,933	33.1%
Total	190,036	100.0%

^{*12,920} cases not stated.

FATAL ACCIDENTS*

SEX	# IN FATAL ACCIDENTS	% IN FATAL ACCIDENTS
Male	855	82.2%
Female	185	17.8%
Total	1,040	100.0%

^{*15} cases not stated.



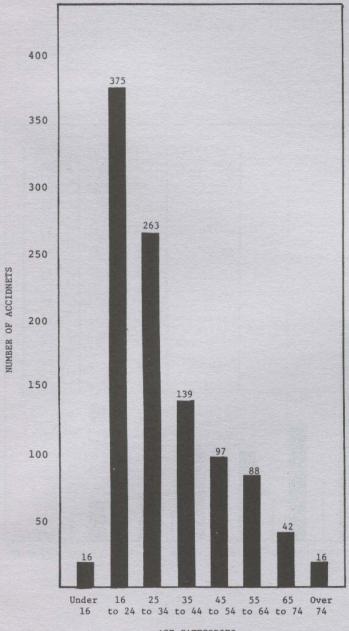
DRIVER INVOLVEMENT

BY AGE . . .

ACCIDENTS

*15,954 accident cases not stated. Cases shown include non-licensed as well as licensed drivers.

. . . IN FATAL ACCIDENTS

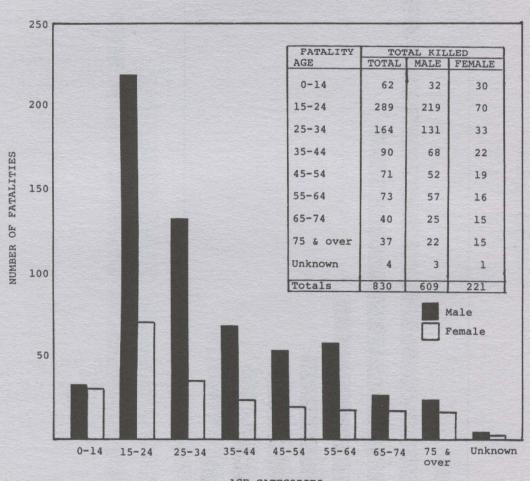


Of the 125,116 accidents reported during 1981, 0.6 percent resulted in fatalities.

*19 accident cases not stated. Cases shown include non-licensed as well as licensed drivers.

AGE CATEGORIES

FATALITIES BY AGE AND SEX



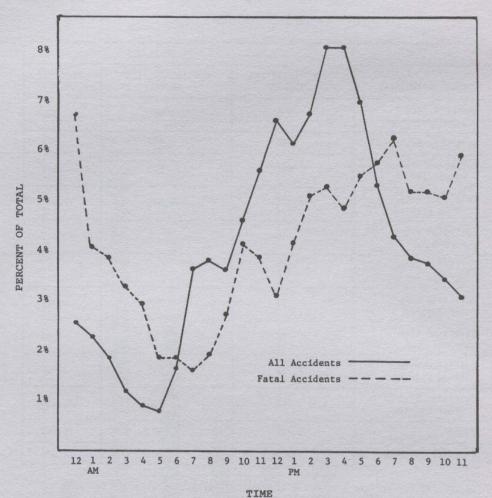
AGE CATEGORIES

INJURY BY SEVERITY AND TYPE OF ACCIDENT

		TYPE OF INJURY	
TYPE OF ACCIDENT	INCAPACITATING INJURY	NON-INCAPACITING INJURY	POSSIBLE INJURY
Non-Collision Overturning	320	466	306
Other Non-Collision	308	443	343
Collision With Pedestrian	592	510	526
Collision With MV In Transport	4,254	8,957	11,649
Collision With Parked MV	1	0	1
Collision With Railway Train	22	37	13
Collision With Pedacyclist	177	264	218
Collision With Animal	28	56	46
Collision With Fixed Object	2,756	4,595	3,066
Collision With Other Object	164	265	304
Total	8,622	15,593	16,472
% of all injuries	21%	38%	40%

Of the 125,116 accidents reported in 1981, 22 percent resulted in injuries.

ACCIDENTS BY HOUR OF OCCURRENCE



The above figures indicate that the worst time to have been on the road in Kentucky during 1981 was between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 12:59 p.m. Of the 733 fatal accidents reported during the year, 293 occurred within that time period. The safest time to have been on the road was between 4:00 a.m. and 7:59 a.m. *1,742 of all accidents, and 1 fatal accident not stated.

. . . DAY UF OCCURRENCE

DAY	ALL ACCIDENTS	PERCENT OF TOTAL	FATAL ACCIDENTS	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Sunday	13,288	10.6%	117	16.0%
Monday	17,415	13.9%	103	14.0%
Tuesday	16,839	13.5%	76	10.4%
Wednesday	16,871	13.5%	88	12.0%
Thursday	18,296	14.6%	85	11.6%
Friday	22,293	17.8%	118	16.1%
Saturday	20,114	1,6.1%	146	19.9%

The three day period between Friday and Sunday was the most dangerous time of the week on Kentucky's highways during 1981, accounting for at least 52 percent of all fatal accidents reported. Forty-five percent of all accidents occurred on these days.

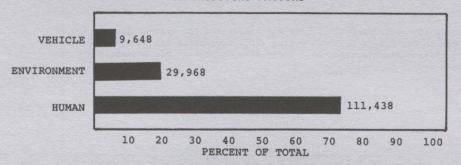
. . . MONTH OF OCCURRENCE

	January	February	March	April	May	June
Percent of All Accidents	8.6%	7.5%	7.6%	7.9%	9.1%	8.3%
Percent of Fatal Accidents	7.9%	6.8%	6.0%	9.0%	9.1%	8.2%
ratar Accidents						
	July	August	September	October	November	December
Percent of All Accidents	July 8.3%	August 8.2%	September 8.1%	October 8.9%	November 8.1%	December 9.2%

STATEWIDE FATALITIES BY YEAR

	1947 - 1981	
1947 - 576	1959 - 750	1971 - 1,023
1948 - 413	1960 - 764	1972 - 1,093
1949 - 573	1961 - 717	1973 - 1,117
1950 - 656	1962 - 793	1974 - 795
1951 - 740	1963 - 837	1975 - 882
1952 - 797	1964 - 911	1976 - 874
1953 - 861	1965 - 916	1977 - 958
1954 - 758	1966 - 1,086	1978 - 893
1955 - 862	1967 - 1,028	1979 - 905
1956 - 778	1968 - 1,054	1980 - 825
1957 - 814	1969 - 1,085	1981 - 830
1958 - 789	1970 - 1,069	

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS



Note that the total number of contributing factors does not coincide with the 125,116 accidents reported. Contributing factors will vary from accident to accident for various reasons: (1) investigative techniques applied, (2) evidence visibly available, and (3) number of vehicles and drivers involved in the same accident.

SPEED AND ALCOHOL IN FATAL ACCIDENTS

	TOTAL FATALS	SPEED INVOLVED	PERCENT OF TOTAL	ALCOHOL* INVOLVED	PERCENT* OF TOTAL
1980	750	295	39%	197	26%
1981	733	281	38%	203	28%

^{*}Alcohol involvement is based on officers' observations at the scene. Subsequent blood tests would show this figure to be much greater.

FATAL FACTS

The Typical Driver In A Fatal Traffic Accident Is:

- * 16-24 years old
- * Male
- * A local resident
- * Speeding
- * Drinking
- * Driving a passenger car
- * Operating on a dry, straight, and level road * A weekend driver (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday)

The Typical Victim In A Fatal Traffic Accident Is:

- * 16-24 years old
- * Male
- * Killed in a head-on collision with another motor vehicle or in a collision with a fixed object.

Teenage Drivers:

- * 23% of all accidents involved teenage drivers.
- * 22% of all fatal accidents involved teenage drivers.
- * 17% of all accidents involving teenage drivers occurred between 3:00 p.m. and 4:59 p.m.
- * 18% of all fatal accidents involving teenage drivers occurred between 10:00 p.m. and 11:59 p.m.

Safety Equipment:

- * Of the 26 children between the ages of 0-4 who were killed in traffic accidents, only 1 was using a child restraint.
- * Although 58 persons were killed in motorcycle accidents, only 35 were wearing helmets.
- * In 95.7% of all traffic accidents, no one in the vehicle was using a seat belt.

1980 - 1981 ACCIDENT DATA BY COUNTY

COUNTY	т	OTAL	FA	TAL	NON-	-FATAL	PROP.	DAMAGE	KII	LED	INJ	IURED
	1981	1980	1981	1980	1981	1980	1981	1980	1981	1980	1981	1980
ADAIR	339	326	6	5	82	82	251	220				
ALLEN	256	275	4	3	71	84	251	239 188	6 4	5	126	134
ANDERSON	362	379	2	3	80	82	280	294	2	4	112	129
BALLARD	205	224	2	3	74	68	129	153	2	3	105	128
BARREN	1093	1153	11	9	254	276	828	868	13	10	419	456
**BATH	148	123	-	3	42	34	106	86	13	3	59	56
BELL	863	856	10	5	221	189	632	662	11	6	370	285
*BOONE	2442	2528	13	9	535	539	1894	1980	16	9	826	807
BOURBON	701	691	5	4	170	169	526	518	5	4	240	266
BOYD	2224	2373	3	7	385	427	1836	1939	3	7	541	635
BOYLE	911	911	6	6	185	152	720	753	7	7	273	223
BRACKEN	78	89	1	2	9	14	68	73	1	2	16	30
BREATHITT	309	312	5	2	116	110	188	200	5	2	205	196
BRECKINRIDGE	363	349	3	6	82	90	278	253	3	6	126	135
*BULLITT	1011	981	16	8	306	289	689	684	17	10	505	463
**BUTLER	272	197	-	4	84	60	188	133	-	4	137	82
CALDWELL	429	481	8	6	85	95	336	380	8	7	136	132
CALLOWAY	837	886	6	7	258	217	573	662	6	7	390	335
CAMPBELL	3347	3819	12	7	634	672	2701	3140	13	7	891	948
**CARLISLE	105	101	-	2	43	31	62	68	-	4	58	49
CARROLL	462	444	6	4	96	86	360	354	6	5	153	153
CARTER CASEY	502	568	7	8	137	145	358	415	8	8	221	250
CHRISTIAN	226	139	2	6	59	43	165	90	3	6	98	74
CLARK	1928	1949	13	11	409	396	1506	1542	13	11	611	594
CLAY	1211	1121 438	5	6	256	236	950	879	5	7	383	336
CLINTON	161	133	12 2	5	146	103	332	330	12	5	248	171
CRITTENDEN	238	258	2	6	65	43	119	89	2	1	75	65
CUMBERLAND	102	102	1	3	23	79	171	173	3	6	92	119
DAVIESS	3900	4067	6	8	745	792	78 3149	75 3267	1	3	39	37
EDMONSON	162	213	1	4	57	66	104	143	6	8 4	1064	1149
ELLIOTT	86	132	5	1	25	33	56	98	5	1	87	106
ESTILL	270	287	5	2	53	56	212	229	6	2	84	93
*FAYETTE	10709	11015	20	44	2098	2197	8591	8774	21	51	2997	3145
FLEMING	328	288	5	5	68	67	255	216	5	5	108	104
FLOYD	1113	1160	5	10	294	313	814	837	5	14	480	559
FRANKLIN	1790	1793	7	6	339	305	1444	1482	7	6	497	436
FULTON	270	280	3	2	53	63	214	215	4	2	82	107
GALLATIN	178	201	3	1	47	64	128	136	3	1	87	104
GARRARD	284	271	4	4	70	66	210	201	5	4	104	103
GRANT	437	470	6	3	142	133	289	334	7	3	222	205
GRAVES	920	968	10	9	234	214	676	745	11	9	352	330
GRAYSON GREEN	596	569	5	5	158	154	433	410	7	5	245	231
GREENUP	235	256	3	2	73	42	159	212	3	2	138	70
**HANCOCK	832	864	5	5	196	197	631	662	6	5	295	311
*HARDIN	2247	154 2135	15	2	41	42	109	110	-	2	58	58
*HARLAN	1233	1033	14	11	575	521	1657	1603	16	14	931	817
HARRISON	419	400	3	10	354	289	865	734	15	10	530	464
HART	314	319	6	1 9	83	68	333	331	4	1	118	97
HENDERSON	2088	2158	10	9	447	443	208	215	7	10	165	165
HENRY	326	314	1	3	102	94	1631	1706	11	11	636	678
HICKMAN	150	125	5	2	48	41	97	217 82	1 8	4 2	157	147
HOPKINS	1650	1699	10	13	422	418	1218	1268	12		102	52
JACKSON	170	182	2	4	44	38	124	140	3	15	70	635
*JEFFERSON	29571	31049	82		5290		24199	25497	95	105	7381	7743
JESSAMINE	818	773	3	8	157	163	658	602	3	8	236	248
JOHNSON	674	698	2	9	159	161	513	528	2	10	252	255
*KENTON	6338	6964	15		1221	1351	5102	5591	16	23	1743	1881
KNOTT	350	315	4	1	132	112	214	202	12	1	205	195
KNOX	627	623	7	8	163	145	457	470	8	8	290	231
LARUE	305	273	4	1	85	65	216	207	5	1	118	97
LAUREL	1196	1150	6	11	281	270	909	869	6	13	475	460
				1						200		

COUNTY	1	OTAL	FAT	1	MON	DAMAT	1		II		1	
COUNTI	1981	1980	1981	1980	1981	-FATAL 1980	PROP. 1981	DAMAGE 1980	1981	LED 1980	1981	JURED 1980
LAWRENCE	272	250		2	0.0	70	100					
	272	259	3	3	86	73		183	4	3	124	132
LEE	73	91	2	1	12	28	59	62	2	2	21	51
LESLIE	280	228	3	5	97	72	180	151	3	5	144	111
LETCHER	422	469	7	7	147	153	268	309	9	7	249	264
LEWIS	262	283	3	4	81	73	178	206	4	5	145	118
LINCOLN	358	369	8	4	91	97	259	268	8	4	170	181
LIVINGSTON	199	220	4	3	65	83	130	134	4	3	96	115
LOGAN	654	616	6	6	152	159	496	451	8	8	218	266
LYON	141	140	4	1	40	41	97	98	4	1	71	60
McCRACKEN	2848	2698	6	7	591	511	2251	2180	6	8	851	749
McCREARY	238	237	7	5	65	71	166	161	7	5	106	123
McLEAN	207	171	2	1	70	55	135	115	2	1	112	79
MADISON	2202	2201	10	11	412	409	1780	1781	10	12	609	604
MAGOFFIN	253	251	4	5	80	81	169	165	7	- 5	135	145
MARION	633	586	3	4	137	107	493	475	3	4	205	157
MARSHALL	601	611	4	7	170	184	427	420	4	8	271	299
MARTIN	126	148	3	1	38	39	85	108	3	1	61	65
MASON	827	950	5	5	140	130	682	815	5	6	211	202
MEADE	535	490	8	4	155	160	372	326	8	4	255	251
MENIFEE	88	90	1	1	39	29	48	60	1	1	72	55
MERCER	635	574	5	4	129	111	501	459	5	4	180	169
METCALF	147	156	2	1	43	48	102	107	2	1	70	83
MONROE	180	223	2	8	46	43	132	172	2	8	82	65
MONTGOMERY	678	696	4	1	141	139	533	556	4	1	201	203
MORGAN	226	253	1	1	87	70	138	182	1	1	144	102
MUHLENBERG	935	926	9	8	235	246	691	672	9	13	368	420
*NELSON	861	845	11	10	204	206	646	629	15	13	342	322
NICHOLAS	81	43	2	2	23	9	56	32	2	2	46	17
OHIO	445	493	11	5	127	157	307	331	14	5	227	258
OLDHAM	625	565	6	9	183	179	436	377	7	11	252	237
OWEN	166	165	3	1	45	46	118	118	3	1	70	77
OWSLEY	83	71	2	-	19	19	62	52	2	-	32	33
PENDLETON	268	237	1	3	73	62	194	172	1	4	107	99
PERRY	1095	1063	9	11	270	238	816	814	10	13	430	390
*PIKE	2093	2207	26	19	549	580	1518	1608	32	20	880	964
POWELL	147	184	5	3	46	46	96	135	8	3	66	73
PULASKI	1216	1235	5	12	288	274	923	949	7	14	460	434
ROBERTSON	22	17	1	-	9	3	12	14	1	-	17	4
ROCKCASTLE	339	325	6	6	93	85	240	234	6	8	163	164
ROWAN	711	776	7	5	163	168	541	603	8	5	249	263
RUSSELL SCOTT	236	225	6	3	57	71	173	151	7	5	112	101
	786	783	5	6	165	176	616	601	5	8	280	273
SHELBY	850	795	4	8	191	202	655	585	4	9	311	324
SIMPSON SPENCER	446	436	2	3	93	120	351	313	2	3	138	184
TAYLOR	141	107	2	1	43	36	96	70	2	1	69	58
**TODD	698	645	4	4	130	122	564	519	6	5	185	177
TRIGG	176	188	-	4	57	53	119	131	-	4	79	90
	280	291	2	3	72	69	206	219	2	3	97	115
TRIMBLE	119	103	1	1	40	30	78	72	1	1	64	49
UNION	492	553	1	5	135	125	350	423	7	6	207	197
*WARREN	3699	3850	16	15	725	795	2958	3040	21	15	1103	1118
WASHINGTON	267	252	2	3	51	50	214	199	2	3	71	93
WAYNE	351	377	2	2	58	60	291	315	2	3	109	104
WEBSTER	403	419	7	2	110	112	286	305	7	2	158	171
*WHITLEY	855	818	12	4	183	188	660	626	15	4	332	308
WOLFE WOODFORD	134	142	2	-	39	37	93	105	2	-	56	58
WOODFORD	660	580	3	7	157	132	500	441	3	7	229	211
TOTALS	125116	128130	733	750	27050	27028	97333	100352	830	825	40688	40812

^{*}Counties reporting highest number of persons killed for 1981.

^{**}Counties reporting no fatalities for 1981.

SIX YEAR FATALITY COMPARISON BY COUNTY

County	Best Year(s)	Number Killed	Worst Year(s)	Number Killed
ADAIR	1979	0	1976, 81	6
ALLEN	1980	3	1978	111
ANDERSON	1977	0	1979	5
BALLARD	1977	0	1980	3
BARREN	1979	6	1976	15
BATH	1978, 81	0	1979	4
BELL	1980	6	1977	12
BOONE	1980	9	1978	20
BOURBON	1980	4	1978	111
BOYD	1981	3	1978	14
BOYLE	1978	5	1979, 80, 81	7
BRACKEN	1976, 78, 81	1	1977	7
BREATHITT	1980	2	1979	10
BRECKINRIDGE	1978	0	1977	13
BULLITT	1980	10	1977	20
BUTLER	1981	0	1979	10
CALDWELL	1978	1	1976, 79, 81	8
CALLOWAY	1981	6	1976, 77, 78	10
CAMPBELL	1980	7	1976, 81	13
CARLISLE	1981	0	1976, 77, 79, 80	4
CARROLL	1976	4	1979	9
CARTER	1977	4	1978, 79, 80, 81	8
CASEY	1978	2	1980	6
CHRISTIAN	1980	11	1977	17
CLARK	1979	4	1977	13
CLAY	1976	3	1977, 81	12
CLINTON	1977, 80	1	1978	3
CRITTENDEN	1976	1	1980	6
CUMBERLAND	1976, 79	0	1980	3
DAVIESS	1980	8	1978	22
EDMONSON	1978, 81	1	1977	10
ELLIOTT	1978, 80	1	1977	6
ESTILL	1976	0	1978, 81	6
FAYETTE	1978, 81	21	1980	51
FLEMING	1977	2	1978	8
FLOYD	1979, 81	5	1980	14
FRANKLIN	1976	1	1978	10
FULTON	1978	0	1979, 80, 81	4
GALLATIN	1977, 80	1	1976, 78	5
GARRARD	1976	3	1977, 79	7
GRANT	1976, 79	2	1977, 81	7
GRAVES	1976	3	1978	18
GRAYSON	1978	2	1976	13
GREEN	1976	1	1978	6
GREENUP HANCOCK	1979	3	1977, 78, 81	6
HARDIN	1977, 81	0	1976	11
HARLAN	1979	8	1977	22
HARRISON	1980	10	1981	15
HART	1980 1976	1	1976, 81	4
HENDERSON	1978	3	1980	10
HENRY	1976, 81		1979	21
HICKMAN	1978	1	1978, 80	4
HOPKINS	1978	1	1981	8
JACKSON		7	1976	24
JEFFERSON	1977 1978	1	1979	7
JESSAMINE	1979, 81	94	1977	126
JOHNSON	1979, 81	3	1977	12
CENTON	1978, 81	2	1976, 77	12
KNOTT		14	1980	23
KNOX	1977, 80	1	1981	12
LARUE	1976	3	1978	15
AUREL	1980	1	1979	8
LAWRENCE	1981	6	1979	16
LEE	1978	2	1976	9
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County	Best Year(s)	Number Killed	Worst Year(s)	Number Killed
LESLIE	1981	3	1978, 79	8
LETCHER	1977, 79, 80	7	1978	13
LEWIS	1976	1	1977	7
LINCOLN	1979	3	1977	16
LIVINGSTON	1976, 77, 79	1	1981	4
LOGAN	1977	3	1979	9
LYON	1978	l ő	1979, 81	4
		6	1976	19
McCRACKEN	1981			9
McCREARY	1976	2	1979	
McLEAN	1976, 78, 80	1	1977	5
MADISON	1979	8	1978	15
MAGOFFIN	1978, 79	4	1976, 81	7
MARION	1979	2	1977	8
MARSHALL	1981	4	1977	10
MARTIN	1978	0	1979	8
MASON	1977, 78, 81	5	1976	8
MEADE	1976, 78	5	1979	14
	1976	0	1977, 79	3
MENIFEE				7
MERCER	1979	2	1976	
METCALFE	1979, 80	1	1976, 77	4
MONROE	1981	2	1980	8
MONTGOMERY	1980	1	1979	7
MORGAN	1980, 81	1	1979	7
MUHLENBERG	1978	6	1976	14
NELSON	1977	6	1981	15
NICHOLAS	1977	0	1976	5
OHIO	1976	4	1978	17
OLDHAM	1976	3	1980	11
OWEN	1978, 80	i	1977	5
OWSLEY		0	1979	4
	1980	1	1976	5
PENDLETON	1981			the state of the s
PERRY	1976	6	1978	17
PIKE	1976, 77	10	1981	32
POWELL	1977	0	1981	8
PULASKI	1977, 81	7	1978	17
ROBERTSON	1976, 77, 78, 80	0	1979, 81	1
ROCKCASTLE	1978	3	1979	16
ROWAN	1977	2	1981	8
RUSSELL	1976	3	1981	7
SCOTT	1976	2	1979	9
SHELBY	1981	4	1976	13
SIMPSON	1977, 81	2	1976, 79	7
SPENCER	1980	i	1978	4
	1976	3	1977, 79	8
TAYLOR		0		8
TODD	1981		1979	
TRIGG	1977	1	1976	12
TRIMBLE	1979	0	1977	5
UNION	1977, 79	5	1976	9
WARREN	1976	12	1978	36
WASHINGTON	1976, 77, 78, 79	, 81 2	1980	3
WAYNE	1978, 81	2	1976, 77	5
WEBSTER	1980	2	1977	11
WHITLEY	1980	4	1981	15
WOLFE	1980	0	1978	13
		3	1976	8
WOODFORD	1978, 81	3	17/0	0

FATALITIES BY MAJOR HOLIDAY

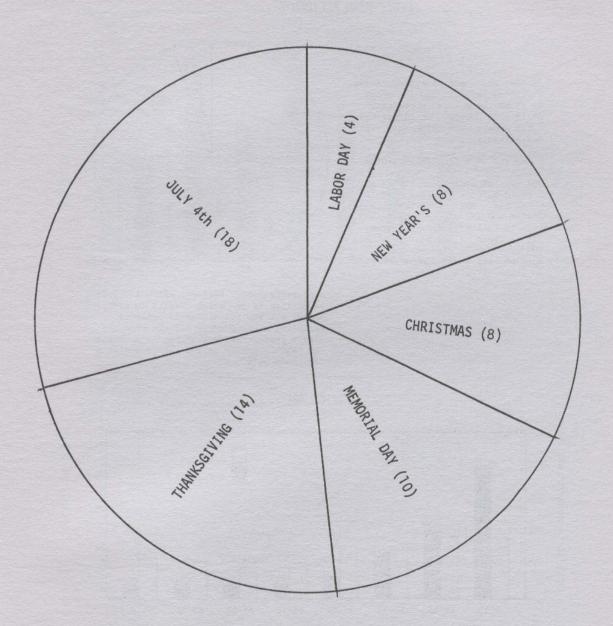
HOLIDAY	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981
NEW YEAR'S total deaths	9(4)	3(1)	10(4)	9(4)	20(3)	7(3)	7(3)	10(4)	8(3)
MEMORIAL DAY total deaths	14(3)	3(3)	13(3)	9(3)	9(3)	14(3)	10(3)	10(3)	10(3)
FOURTH OF JULY total deaths	5(1)	11(4)	19(3)	18(3)	18(3)	17(4)	5(1)	16(3)	18(3)
LABOR DAY total deaths	10(3)	5(3)	4(3)	6(4)	10(3)	10(3)	13(3)	6(3)	4(3)
THANKSGIVING total deaths	16(4)	7(4)	8(4)	11(4)	17(4)	15(4)	8(4)	11(4)	14(4)
CHRISTMAS total deaths	8(4)	7(1)	10(4)	7(3)	6(3)	11(3)	18(4)	12(4)	8(3)

Figures in parenthesis show number of full days in each holiday period. Deaths are for these days plus the last six hours of the preceding day.

PER DAY
ACCIDENTS

HOLIDAY	1980	1981	1980	1981
NEW YEAR'S	2.50	2.67	315.75	322.67
MEMORIAL DAY	3.33	3.33	387.33	358.33
FOURTH OF JULY	5.33	6.00	396.00	497.33
LABOR DAY	2.00	1.33	366.66	291.67
THANKSGIVING	2.75	3.50	344.75	307.25
CHRISTMAS	3.00	2.67	273.75	248.00

1981 FATALITIES BY MAJOR HOLIDAYS



All of the above holiday periods were three (3) days except Thanksgiving which was four (4) days.

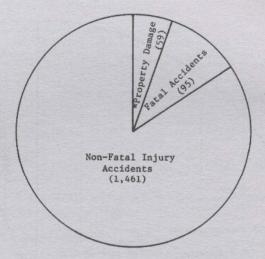
PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS . . .

. . . BY TYPE

In 1981 there were 1,615 accidents involving pedestrians. Of those, 95 (5.9%) were fatal accidents, killing 96 people. An additional 1,628 people were injured in accidents involving pedestrians.

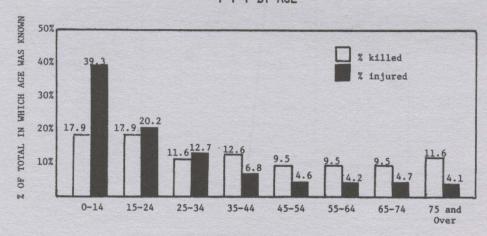
PROFILE OF A PEDESTRIAN VICTIM

The typical pedestrian victim is a child between the ages of 0-14 years old. 18% of the pedestrians killed and 40% of the pedestrians injured fell into this age group. 72% of those killed were male, and 60% of those injured were male. Most pedestrian accidents occurred on local streets (41%).



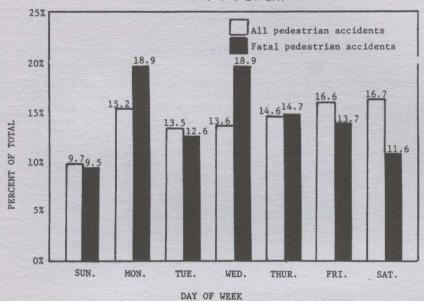
* A property damage accident which involves a pedestrian is one which results in property damage but the pedestrian is unharmed. Example: A car swerves off the road and hits a pedestrian (pedestrian is unharmed). The vehicle continues and collides with a telephone pole.

. . . BY AGE

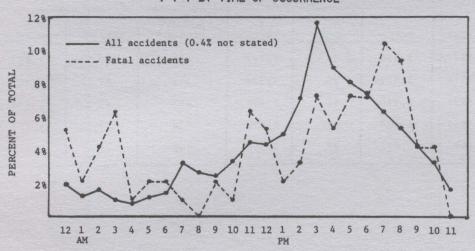


AGE OF PEDESTRIAN





. . . BY TIME OF OCCURRENCE



TIME

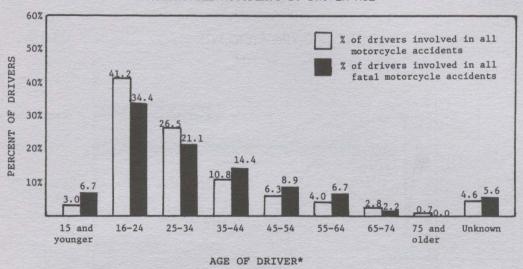
MOPED ACCIDENTS

Mopeds, or motorized bicycles, are becoming more common as a means of transportation. Kentucky law classifies mopeds as motor vehicles. Mopeds are not required to be licensed or be insured. The operator is required to be licensed but not required to wear safety equipment. In 1981, there were 89 mopeds involved in accidents as compared to 80 mopeds involved in 1980. This represents an increase of 11%. Moped accidents have increased 368% since 1978 when only 19 mopeds were involved. There had been no fatal moped accidents in Kentucky until 1981 when 1 fatality occurred. 83 persons were injured in moped accidents in 1981, an increase of 19% over 1980. 42 of these accidents (47.2%) occurred on local streets. There were 151 drivers in accidents involving mopeds. 95% of the drivers were local residents and 38% were under the age of 20. The three day period of Friday, Saturday, and Sunday accounted for 44% of the motor vehicle accidents involving mopeds.

MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS . . . BY TYPE

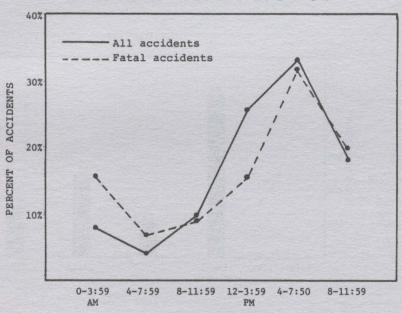
		ACC	IDENTS INV	DLVING MOTORC	YCLES	
YEAR	TOTAL	FATAL	NON- FATAL	PROPERTY DAMAGE	KILLED	INJURED
1977	1,838	46	1,347	445	47	1,663
1978	1,812	55	1,324	433	57	1,709
1979	1,846	64	1,322	460	65	1,648
1980	1,874	42	1,406	426	44	1,750
1981	1,672	56	1,194	422	58	1,475

MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS BY DRIVER AGE



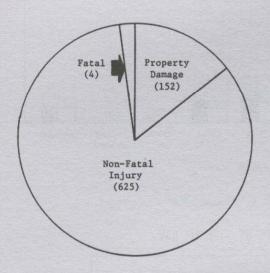
*Note that all age groups do not consist of an equal number of years.

MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS BY TIME OF DAY



*0.8% not stated.

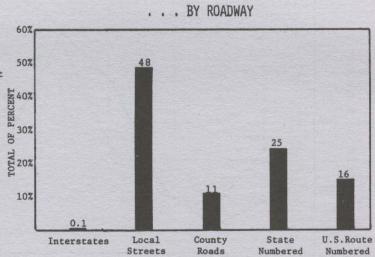
ACCIDENTS INVOLVING BICYCLISTS . . . BY TYPE



In 1981 there were 781 accidents involving bicyclists. Of these, 4 were fatal and 625 involved injuries.

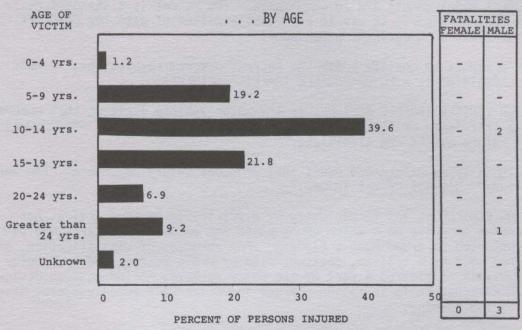
Approximately 48 percent of these accidents occurred on local streets.

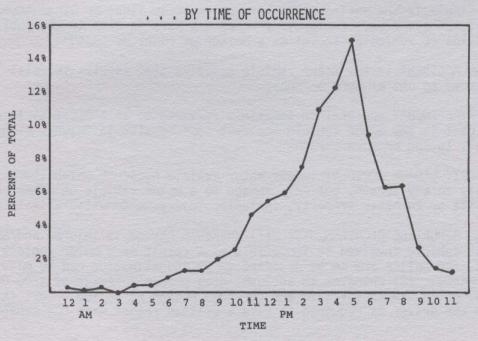
There were 3 fatal bicycle accidents on U.S. route numbered highways, 1 on other state numbered highways, and none on interstates, county roads, or local streets.



TYPE ROADWAY

Over 60 percent of all motor vehicle injuries and 67 percent of the fatalities involving bicyclists occur in the age group between 0-14 years old.





DEFINITIONS AND TERMS

- 1. The national MANUAL ON CLASSIFICATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS is used to insure that uniform definitions, classifications, and other federal requirements are in compliance. The manual is a standard guide for Traffic Records to use in the classification of data for compilation of statistics on accident experience.
- 2. For a report to qualify under the current program regulations, it must be classified as a MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT.
- 3. MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT is any motor vehicle accident that occurs on a trafficway or that occurs after the motor vehicle runs off roadway but before events are stabilized.
- 4. ACCIDENT is an unintended event that produces injury or damage. The word "injury" includes "fatal injury."
- 5. MOTOR VEHICLE is any mechanically or electrically powered device, not operated on rails upon which or by which any person or property may be transported or drawn upon a highway. For purposes of classification, any object such as a trailer, coaster, sled or wagon being towed by a motor vehicle is considered a part of the motor vehicle, including such devices when detached while in motion, or set in motion by a motor vehicle, such as during pushing.
- 6. TRAFFICWAY is the entire width between property lines or other boundary lines, of every way or place, of which any part is open to the public for purposes of vehicular travel as a matter of right or custom.
- 7. FATAL ACCIDENT is any motor vehicle accident that results in fatal injuries to one or more persons.
- 8. NONFATAL INJURY ACCIDENT or sometimes referred to as a Personal Injury Accident is any motor vehicle accident that results in injury, other than fatal, to one or more persons.
- 9. PROPERTY DAMAGE ACCIDENT is any motor vehicle accident which there is no injury to any person, but only damage to a motor vehicle or other road vehicle or to other property, including injury to domestic animals.
- 10. LEGAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: (1) Whenever anyone is injured and/or the motor vehicle involved is inoperable as a result of a motor vehicle accident, the police are to be notified so an investigation can be made at the scene. (2) Whenever an accident does property damage of \$200.00 or more, or injury is involved and for some reason no police report is made, then the driver is required to file a written report with the Department.

NOTE: PERCENTAGE TOTALS IN THIS REPORT MAY NOT ALWAYS BE EQUAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING OF FIGURES.



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